

REMARKS

The Advisory Action of June 15, 2006, has been received and reviewed.

Claims 1, 3, 5-7, and 9-23 are currently pending and under consideration in the above-referenced application. It is proposed that claims 1, 3, 5, 6, and 9 be amended and that claims 2, 4, and 8 be canceled. It is also proposed that new claims 24-58 have been added. These proposed amendments are made without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter previously recited in prior claims or versions thereof of the above-referenced application.

Reconsideration of the above-referenced application is respectfully requested.

Claim Amendments

It has been indicated that claims 8, 10, and 13 are directed to allowable subject matter.

It is proposed that independent claim 1 be amended to include the limitations of allowable claim 8 and the intervening claims.

New independent claim 24 includes all the limitations of allowable claim 10. New claims 25-39 depend from new independent claim 24,

New independent claim 40 includes all the limitations of allowable claim 13, with the limitations of intervening claim 12. New claims 41-58 depend from new independent claim 40.

As the proposed amendments merely involve placing allowable claims in independent form, it is respectfully submitted that no new matter has been added and, further, that each of claims 1, 3, 5-7, and 9-58 is in condition for allowance.

Entry of Amendments

Entry of the proposed claim amendments is respectfully requested. It is respectfully submitted that the proposed amendments do not necessitate an additional search and that they address all of the issues that remain for purposes of appeal.

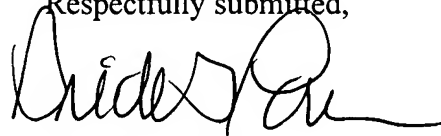
CONCLUSION

It is respectfully submitted that each of claims 1, 3, 5-7, and 9-58 is allowable. An early notice of the allowability of these claims is respectfully solicited, as is an indication that the

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above-referenced application has been passed for issue. If any issues preventing allowance of the above-referenced application remain which might be resolved by way of a telephone conference, the Office is kindly invited to contact the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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